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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FMS SHIPMENT TO LEBANON

1. CAPTAIN NEHME OF THE LEBANESE EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT
THE M/V LASH ITALIA, A PRUDENTIAL LINES VESSEL, IS
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN BEIRUT O/A AUGUST 25 CARRYING THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS OF NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR GOL:

- TENTS
- AUTOMOTIVE SPARE PARTS
- WEAPONS SPARE PARTS (NEHME THINKS FOR MACHINE GUNS)
- TIRES
- 12 WATER TRAILERS
- 3 FIVE TON M816 TRUCKS

EQUIPMENT IS A MIXTURE OF OLD FMS CASES AND NEW CASES
UNDER THE FY 77 AGREEMENT.

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2. NEHME SAYS THAT A SECOND SHIPMENT IS AWAITING DELIVERY,
COMPOSED MAINLY OF TRUCKS AND JEEPS, BUT THAT HE HAS
ADVISED SHIPPING AGENT, J.B. WOOD SHIPPING COMPANY, NOT TO
PROCEED UNTIL FIRST SHIPMENT HAS BEEN SAFELY RECEIVED.
AGENT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SENT NOTIFICATION TO THE LAF.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IT MIGHT BE WELL FOR EMBASSY TO

CHECK WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY
HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM SHIPPER, AND TO DISCUSS
WITH GOL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO RECEIVE THE EQUIPMENT.
ASSUMPTION, OF COURSE, IS THAT PORT WILL HAVE BEEN RE-
OPENED AND BE UNDER FULL CONTROL OF GOL BY AUGUST 25 WHEN
SHIPMENT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE. VANCE

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